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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO SALVAGE US OBSOLETE MUNITIONS

1. IRVING DAVIDSON (OPERATOR WELL-KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT) AND DONALD JACKSON (FORMER CALIFORNIA CONGRESSMAN, FORMER MEMBER ICC, NOW RETIRED IN DR) INFORMED AMBASSADOR LAST NIGHT THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED PRELIMINARY FAVORABLE REACTION FROM THE US MILITARY SERVICES IN WASHINGTON TO THEIR PLAN TO PURCHASE OBSOLETE MUNITIONS NOW WAREHOUSED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF US, TRANSPORT THEM TO DR WHERE THEY WOULD BE RENDERED HARMLESS AND THE POWDER, STEEL AND BRASS CASINGS SALVAGED. THEY PROPOSE TO DO THIS IN A CURRENTLY UNUSED ARMORY IN NEARBY SAN CRISTOBAL. THEY EXPLAINED THAT DUE TO THE VIEWS OF ENVIRONMENTALISTS, THE US ARMED SERVICES HAVE ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTY IN ENGAGING IN SUCH SALVAGE OPERATIONS IN THE US. DAVIDSON SAID HE GOT THE IDEA DURING A RECENT VISIT TO ISRAEL WHICH HE REPORTED

HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN AN IDENTICAL OPERATION WITH OBSOLETE US MUNITIONS DURING THE PAST FIVE MONTHS.

2. THEY CONTINUED THAT THEY HAVE EXPLAINED THE PROJECT TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER WHO THEY REPORT TO BE ENTHUSIASTIC SINCE IT WOULD PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT AS WELL AS SOME PROFIT TO THE DOMINICAN ARMED SERVICES

(THE MAJOR SHARE OF THE EXPECTED PROFIT WOULD BE DESTINED TO

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DAVIDSON). THEY SAID THAT PRESIDENT BALAGUER WOULD BE CONTACTING

THE AMBASSADOR SHORTLY REGARDING THE PROJECT, SINCE (AS THEY UNDERSTOOD) THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT HAD TO BE CONSUMMATED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ALL PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROPOSAL IN ORDER THAT WE MAY FORM AN OPINION AS TO ITS POSSIBLE EFFECT UPON US-DOMINICAN RELATIONS.
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